

## COMMONWEALTH BUREAU OF CENSUS AND STATISTICS

## Western Australian Office

## MONTHLY STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA - AUGUST, 1958

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## POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole of State at 31st March, 1958 -

Males - 359,845

Females - 341,573

Persons - 701,418

Metropolitan Area at 31st December, 1957 -

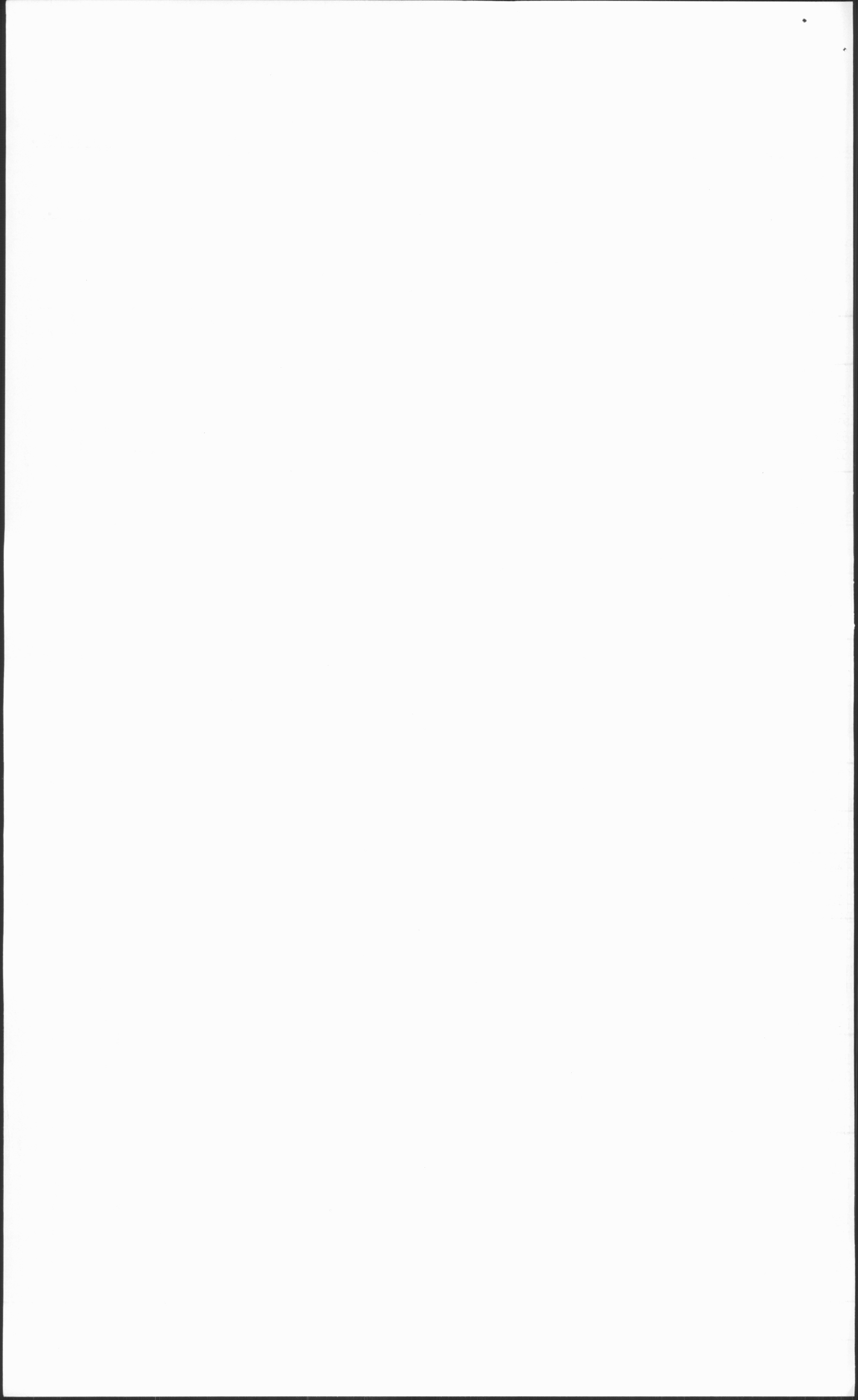
Persons - 380,000

## MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

	JULY		Seven Months ended JULY	
	1958	1957	1958	1957
Marriages - Number	330	306	2,996	2,927
* Rate per 1,000 of Population	5.51	5.20	7.34	7.32
Births - Number	1,439	1,425	9,897	9,891
* Rate per 1,000 of Population	24.01	24.23	24.24	24.72
Deaths - Number	539	520	3,140	2,921
* Rate per 1,000 of Population	8.99	8.84	7.69	7.30
Infant Mortality) - Number	34	28	206	212
* Rate per 1,000 Live Births	23.63	19.65	20.81	21.43
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH</u>				
Tuberculosis	2	6	13	16
Malignant neoplasms	81	61	506	502
Diabetes mellitus	7	8	25	38
Diseases of blood, etc.	1	1	7	10
Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.	56	56	385	316
Diseases of the heart	206	189	1,004	880
Hypertension with heart disease	18	21	91	80
Hypertensive disease without mention of heart	6	3	32	31
Arteriosclerosis	16	11	73	71
Influenza	-	1	2	4
Pneumonia	14	27	107	98
Bronchitis	9	7	37	28
Other respiratory diseases	7	9	32	42
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	4	3	23	21
Gastro-enteritis and colitis	1	-	19	9
Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	-	-	6	3
Cirrhosis of the liver	2	4	17	15
Nephritis and nephrosis	11	7	38	42
Diseases of the prostate	-	2	30	29
Maternal causes	-	-	3	3
Diseases of early infancy	18	17	119	136
Motor vehicle accidents	13	14	102	95
Other accidents	11	13	95	112
Suicide	5	9	49	57
All other causes	51	51	325	283
Total:	539	520	3,140	2,921

\* Equivalent Annual Rate.

\* Deaths under one year.



### LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the eight months ended August, 1958, totalled 567,835 acres, a decrease of 4,565 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered during the same period amounted to 3,461,931 acres, a decrease of 35,518 acres on the corresponding period of 1957.

### STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Item	AUGUST		Two Months ended AUGUST	
	1958	1957	1958	1957
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue	4,159,946	4,209,901	8,265,470	8,204,306
Revenue per Head of Population	5. 17. 8	6. 1. 5	11. 14. 1	11. 16. 10
Expenditure	5,177,369	5,032,472	10,095,133	9,613,548
Expenditure per Head of Population	7. 6. 6	7. 5. 2	14. 5. 10	13. 17. 6

### SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balances at the end of August, 1958, amounted to £66,560,573 or £94.1.7 per head of population as against £63,752,409 or £91.17.8 per head at the end of August, 1957.

### BANK CLEARANCES

The average weekly clearance for the four weeks ended 27th August, 1958, amounted to £13,124,973 compared with £13,406,917 for the corresponding period last year.

### REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		AUGUST		Two Months ended AUGUST	
		1958	1957	1958	1957
Transfers	No.	1,651	1,648	3,502	3,458
	£.	2,465,071	2,410,983	5,616,454	5,362,873
Mortgages	No.	1,297	1,286	2,797	2,686
	£.	2,605,366	2,454,970	5,552,373	5,218,139
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	938	900	2,031	1,950

### SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
August, 1958	3,162,288	3,048,455	9,633,211	503,950
August, 1957	3,315,152	2,311,210	10,232,871	523,989
Two Months ended August, 1958	7,871,693	6,120,090	20,524,640	1,116,257
Two Months ended August, 1957	6,075,327	4,945,228	19,975,228	926,745





COMPANIES REGISTERED

46 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £2,700,000 and 21 Foreign Companies were registered during the two months ended August, 1958. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 75 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £3,291,000 and 15 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

Item	Two Months ended AUGUST					
	1958			1957		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
		£.	£.		£.	£.
Sequestration Orders	26	35,232	9,362	19	62,678	39,453
Deeds of Assignment (a)	14	143,784	130,120	27	90,296	72,996
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

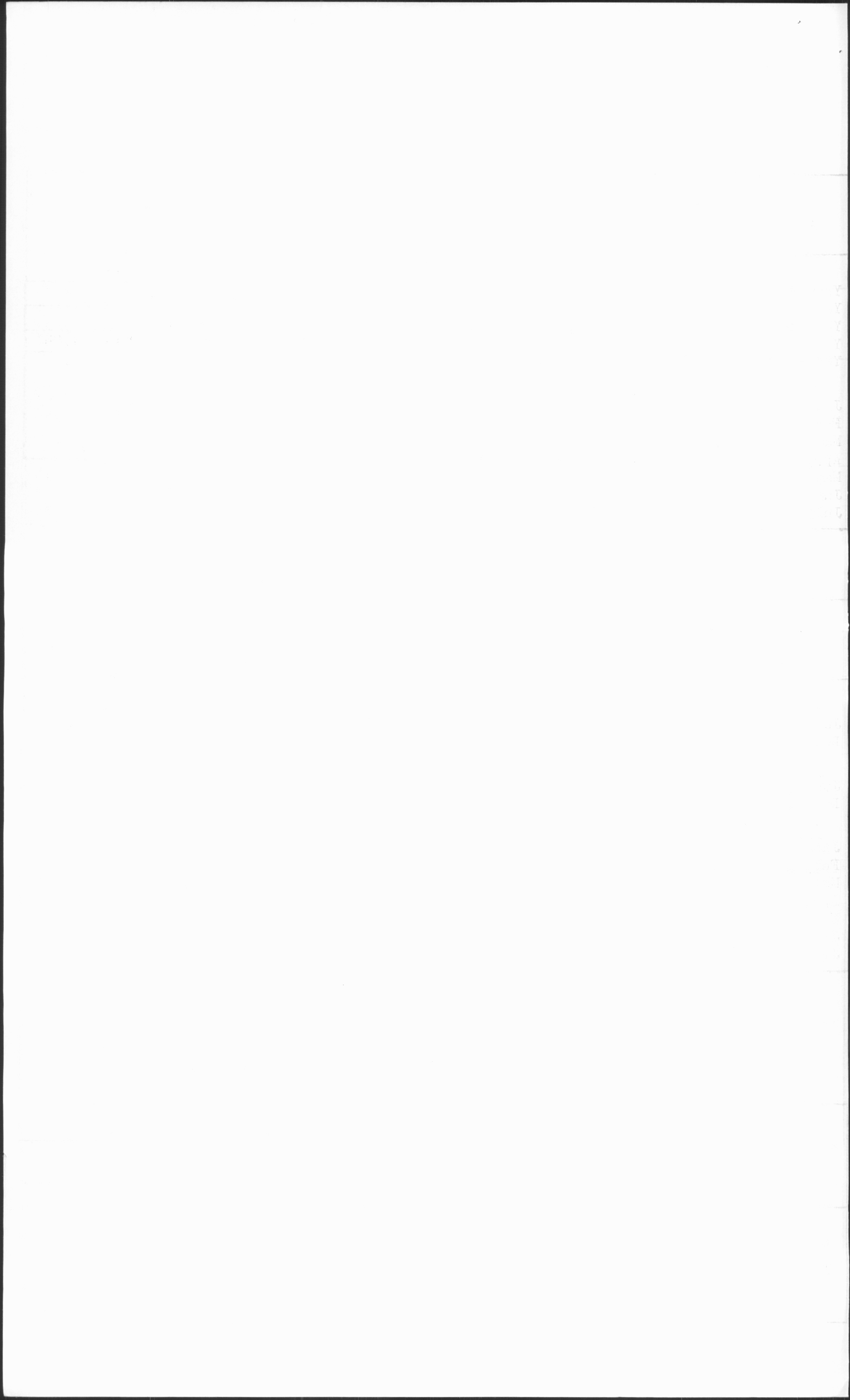
Item		JULY		Twelve Months ended JUNE	
		1958	1957	1958	1957
Gross Earnings (a)*	£.	1,026,100	1,109,700	12,975,176	14,044,111
Working Expenses (a)	£.	1,279,991	1,320,319	14,842,662	16,011,316
Train Miles Run	No.	626,260	637,640	7,326,966	8,277,986
Motor Bus Miles Run	No.	(b) 65,506	(c) 78,481	1,371,695	1,458,833
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>					
Train	No.	1,127,621	1,177,262	14,106,277	13,270,900
Motor Bus	No.	20,725	22,646	277,943	305,315
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>					
Paying Goods		267,584	279,577	3,455,268	4,075,037
Livestock		9,305	9,879	133,646	147,994
Departmental (Free Freight)		68,197	49,405	673,131	665,911
Total:		345,086	338,861	4,262,045	4,888,942
<u>Net Ton Mileage of -</u>					
Paying Goods		46,753,423	48,733,448	554,317,761	649,041,934
Livestock		1,349,861	1,436,122	17,857,965	18,653,075
Departmental (Free Freight)		7,253,920	5,547,619	63,570,556	74,151,574
Total:		55,357,204	55,717,189	635,746,282	741,846,583

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Approximately 3 weeks ended 19th July.

(c) Four weeks ended 20th July.

\* Figures liable to revision.



MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED

Period	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Entire State (a)			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1953	4,460	1,869	57	746	8,166	5,071	76	1,239
Year 1954	6,499	2,487	34	736	11,667	6,083	70	1,267
Year 1955	6,852	2,533	18	701	11,612	5,606	59	1,130
Year 1956	5,219	1,856	24	724	9,067	4,582	85	1,057
Year 1957	5,639	2,084	35	1,007	9,865	4,755	71	1,447
1958 -								
January	372	177	-	149	648	409	2	192
February	536	225	5	125	860	516	11	173
March	518	199	-	147	875	474	-	198
April	577	190	2	110	938	512	4	157
May	476	227	2	82	773	471	5	113
June	430	202	-	54	742	471	3	87
July	439	226	2	78	731	512	5	124

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)

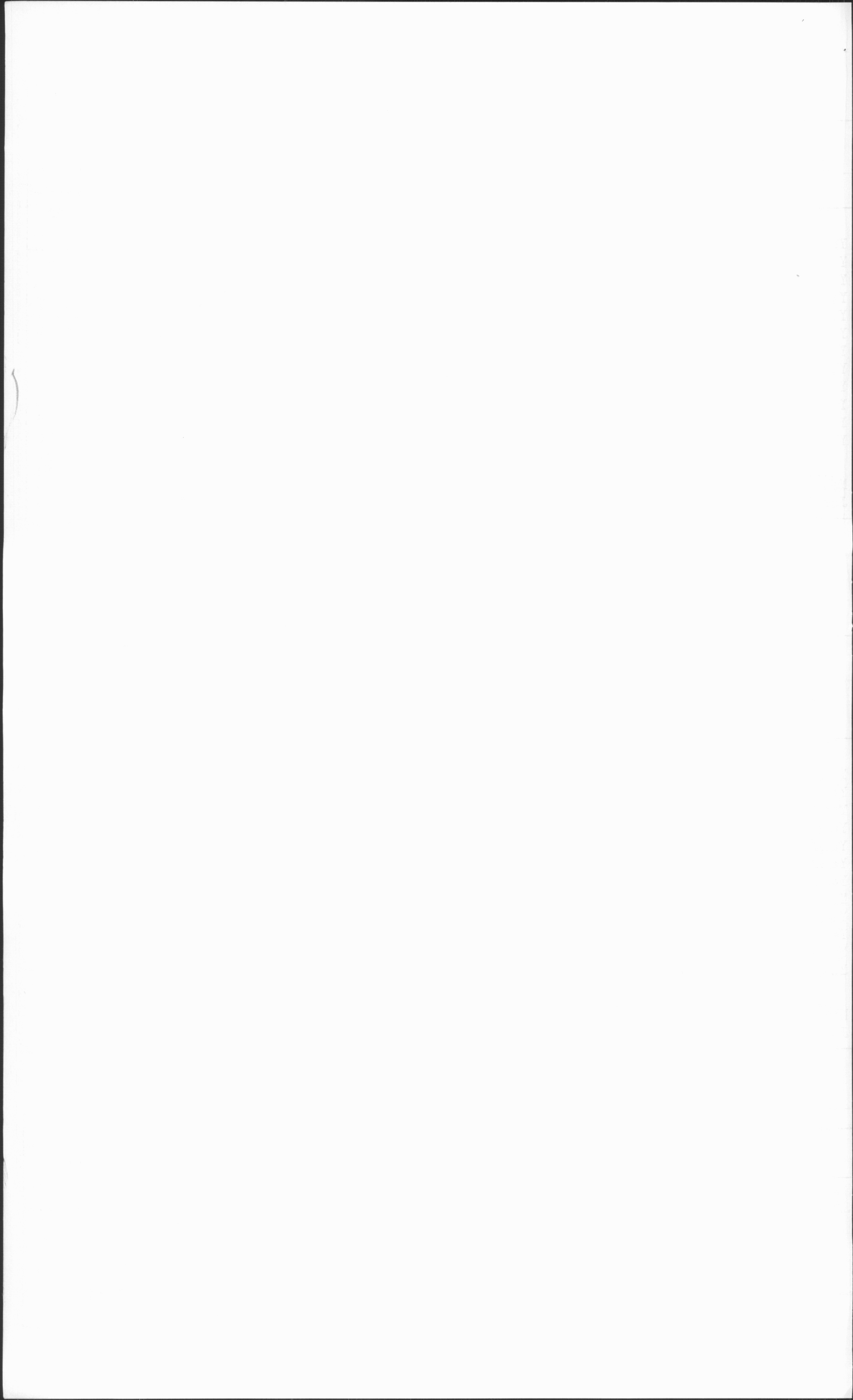
Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Entire State (a)			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1956 -								
June	61,835	24,169	569	9,253	98,875	64,430	1,196	13,873
December	64,158	24,641	573	9,133	101,708	64,765	1,209	13,551
1957 -								
June	65,013	24,354	580	8,770	103,788	64,806	1,224	13,146
December	67,315	24,209	610	8,389	107,052	64,236	1,252	12,599
1958 -								
January	68,295	24,414	610	8,532	107,743	63,908	1,155	12,584
February	68,490	24,379	615	8,552	108,262	64,163	1,239	12,652
March	68,829	24,390	615	8,594	108,966	64,445	1,245	12,745
April	69,320	24,418	618	8,635	109,254	64,327	1,246	12,643
May	69,363	24,427	621	8,622	109,919	64,828	1,255	12,767
June	69,414	24,217	622	8,580	110,573	65,046	1,259	12,827
July	71,285	24,593	611	8,537	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)

- (a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Defence Services.  
(b) Not yet available.

TRADE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Expressed in Terms of Australian Currency

Item	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	JULY		Twelve Months ended JUNE		JULY		Twelve Months ended JUNE	
	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957
	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000
Oversea	5,547	4,227	45,886	40,211	8,248	6,105	94,571	114,328
Interstate	6,712	5,960	97,552	94,340	1,749	1,736	40,284	41,195
Total:	12,259	10,187	143,438	134,551	9,997	7,841	134,855	155,523



BUILDING ACTIVITY

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,042	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
Year 1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
Year 1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
Year 1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,424	8,496	19,934
Year 1953	2,988	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
Year 1954	3,127	8,255	5,044	13,491	111	1,544	844	5,015	9,126	28,305
Year 1955	2,788	8,194	6,422	18,091	129	3,405	933	6,900	10,272	36,590
Year 1956	1,921	5,708	4,773	13,508	97	946	923	7,359	7,714	27,521
Year 1957	1,401	4,086	4,748	13,680	100	1,110	714	6,450	6,963	25,326
1958 -										
March Qr.	249	700	1,057	3,233	28	356	162	2,144	1,496	6,433
June Qr.	369	1,086	1,122	3,379	35	515	185	1,508	1,711	6,488

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residentials excluded from Table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

(includes Owner-Built Homes)

Period	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood, or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
Year 1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
Year 1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
Year 1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
Year 1953	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642	19,405
Year 1954	2,865	9,767	214	530	4,823	10,833	4	4	7,906	21,134
Year 1955	3,268	11,775	225	621	5,271	12,614	8	17	8,772	25,027
Year 1956	3,017	10,491	62	175	2,964	6,864	4	9	6,047	17,539
Year 1957	3,773	12,159	28	67	2,139	4,890	6	9	5,946	17,125
1958 -										
March Qr.	904	2,943	4	10	371	896	-	-	1,279	3,849
June Qr.	945	3,174	8	21	470	1,100	1	2	1,424	4,297

GOLD PRODUCTION

Item	AUGUST		Eight Months ended AUGUST	
	1958	1957	1958	1957
<u>GOLD</u>				
Quantity Fine oz.	68,611	75,728	540,647	585,407
Value (Aust. Currency)* £.	1,072,039	1,183,248	8,447,584	9,146,972
Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies £.	150,000	262,500	1,061,094	1,371,562

\* Excludes additional premiums on gold sold by Gold Producers' Association Limited and subsidy paid by the Commonwealth Government.



RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000)

Centre	Food and Groceries				"C" Series			
	JUNE Quarter		Twelve Months ended JUNE		JUNE Quarter		Twelve Months ended JUNE	
	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958
Metropolitan Area	3111	2984	3060	2987	2750	2747	2709	2728
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	3256	3191	3241	3178	2636	2647	2614	2630
Northam	3172	3086	3146	3106	2711	2708	2654	2701
Bunbury	3137	3159	3127	3152	2740	2806	2720	2779
Geraldton	3238	3222	3208	3228	2918	2953	2884	2937
Collie	3191	3208	3156	3187	2507	2538	2479	2521

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT (a)

(1000)

Month	1957			1958		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	138.9	44.2	183.1	139.0	45.3	184.3
February	139.7	45.2	184.9	138.7	45.7	184.4
March	140.0	45.5	185.5	139.5	46.0	185.5
April	139.4	45.0	184.4	139.0	45.9	184.9
May	138.9	45.1	184.0	138.7	45.9	184.6
June	138.4	44.5	182.9	138.6	45.8	184.4
July	138.0	44.9	182.9	138.0	45.8	183.8
August	138.1	44.9	183.0			
September	138.4	45.2	183.6			
October	138.7	45.3	184.0			
November	139.2	45.8	185.0			
December	138.9	46.1	185.0			

(a) Excludes Rural, Female Private Domestic, Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in camp.

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Base: 1928/29, 19,799 Employees = 100)

Month	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
January	226	237	241	232	233
February	228	240	241	235	232
March	231	242	240	236	232
April	230	243	239	234	231
May	231	242	238	234	230
June	230	239	235	231	230
July	230	238	231	230	226
August	230	239	230	230	
September	232	241	233	232	
October	233	241	233	233	
November	234	243	233	234	
December	233	242	232	233	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1957 are preliminary.





STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area			South-West Land Division			Goldfields and Rest of State		
	Male			Female			Male		
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
4/8/58	13.	12.	3	8.	17.	0	13.	13.	4

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERING IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs
July, 1958	19,917	529	60,611	29,216	15,046
July, 1957	16,284	434	41,045	31,564	13,921
12 Months ended June, 1958	145,624	6,628	698,642	628,831	198,645
12 Months ended June, 1957	133,004	4,717	746,089	608,205	139,999

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

(Note - Excludes non-casualty accidents where damage was estimated to be £10 or less)

Period	Non Casualty Accidents (Damage over £10)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents Reported		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1953	4,074	1,463	2,024	882	6,098	2,345	99	93	2,430	1,234
Year 1954	5,072	1,824	2,415	874	7,487	2,698	96	89	3,028	1,281
Year 1955	5,878	2,029	2,237	921	8,115	2,950	110	89	2,669	1,318
Year 1956	5,866	2,095	2,161	875	8,027	2,970	102	80	2,653	1,236
Year 1957	6,150	2,193	2,244	976	8,394	3,169	87	65	2,733	1,335
<u>1958 -</u>										
January	520	161	162	87	682	248	8	11	218	120
February	438	135	202	81	640	216	3	6	246	112
March	491	181	224	77	715	258	10	11	271	109
April	514	208	193	99	707	307	7	7	229	144
May	656	202	218	83	874	285	4	11	271	117
June	560	191	221	73	781	264	6	5	262	95
July	774	182	240	78	1,014	260	6	7	282	106
Total Seven Months ended July	3,953	1,260	1,460	578	5,413	1,838	44	58	1,779	803



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STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area		South-West Land Division		Goldfields and Rest of State	
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4/8/58	13. 12. 3	8. 17. 0	13. 13. 4	8. 17. 8	13. 9. 9	8. 15. 4

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERING IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs
July, 1958	19,917	529	60,611	29,216	15,046
July, 1957	16,284	434	41,045	31,564	13,921
12 Months ended June, 1958	145,624	6,628	698,642	628,831	198,645
12 Months ended June, 1957	133,004	4,717	746,089	608,205	139,999

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

(Note - Excludes non-casualty accidents where damage was estimated to be £10 or less)

Period	Non Casualty Accidents (Damage over £10)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents Reported		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1953	4,074	1,463	2,024	882	6,098	2,345	99	93	2,430	1,234
Year 1954	5,072	1,824	2,415	874	7,487	2,698	96	89	3,028	1,281
Year 1955	5,878	2,029	2,237	921	8,115	2,950	110	89	2,669	1,318
Year 1956	5,866	2,095	2,161	875	8,027	2,970	102	80	2,653	1,236
Year 1957	6,150	2,193	2,244	976	8,394	3,169	87	65	2,733	1,335
<u>1958 -</u>										
January	520	161	162	87	682	248	8	11	218	120
February	438	135	202	81	640	216	3	6	246	112
March	491	181	224	77	715	258	10	11	271	109
April	514	208	193	99	707	307	7	7	229	144
May	656	202	218	83	874	285	4	11	271	117
June	560	191	221	73	781	264	6	5	262	95
July	774	182	240	78	1,014	260	6	7	282	106
Total Seven Months ended July	3,953	1,260	1,460	578	5,413	1,838	44	58	1,779	803



MONTHLY PRODUCTION STATISTICS (SUBJECT TO REVISION)

Item	Unit	AUGUST		Two Months ended AUGUST	
		1958	1957	1958	1957
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	no.	399	442	1,039	978
Bricks - Cement	'000	268	214	433	459
- Clay	'000	7,840	8,773	16,783	17,248
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq.yd.	109	139	224	279
Lime (Quicklime)	ton	2,013	2,481	4,280	4,681
Ready Mixed Paints and Enamels excluding Water Paints	gal.	21,070	25,775	42,384	44,860
Tiles, roofing - Cement	'000	440	634	901	1,359
Timber - Sawn (from Local Logs) /	'000 sup.ft.	19,069(a)	18,313(a)	203,470(b)	204,475(b)
<u>Clothing</u>					
Cardigans and Pullovers	doz.	897	1,099	1,775	2,326
Pyjamas, Woven (all types)	doz.	912	1,023	1,432	1,859
Shirts (all types) Men's and Boys'	doz.	5,287	5,134	10,878	9,536
Sports Coats - Men's	no.	232	338	499	743
Suits - Men's - 3 piece	no.	93	142	166	282
- 2 piece	no.	1,457	1,690	2,785	3,232
Trousers - Men's - Sport	no.	4,462	4,728	9,531	9,545
- Work	no.	13,415	15,524	29,969	28,374
<u>Footwear (incl. Sandals and Slippers)</u>					
Men's and Youths'	pair	27,983	30,103	61,243	59,982
Women's and Maids'	pair	20,609	11,715	42,290	28,374
Children's	pair	14,517	17,986	29,641	33,008
<u>Food and Drink</u>					
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	420	501	877	1,023
Butter	'000 lb.	1,592	2,074	3,042	3,911
Cheese	'000 lb.	262	250	436	445
Sauce - Tomato	Imperial pint	79,464	96,116	145,976	192,126
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Acids - Acetic	cwt.	413	580	745	928
- Sulphuric	ton	20,318	20,344	30,684	30,994
Coal	ton	76,892	79,693	160,243	160,263
Cycles, Pedal	no.	316	545	754	1,003
Electricity Generated	'000 K.W.H.	73,568	69,777	150,494	142,601
Gas Produced	Million cu.ft.	136	131	273	266
Iron (Pig Iron)	ton	1,704	1,192	3,516	2,357
Mattresses - Inner Spring	no.	2,785	2,107	5,493	4,515
- Woven Wire	no.	837	4,761	3,152	5,712
- Soft Filled	no.	3,104	3,197	5,790	6,332
Motor Vehicle Bodies -					
Truck Trays	no.	40	29	62	52
Trailers (all types)	no.	21	9	34	15
Perambulators	no.	53	63	114	114
Soap and Soap Substitutes	cwt.	5,736	6,629	13,280	13,045
Superphosphate	ton	57,843	56,807	84,289	86,574
Wool Scoured	'000 lb.	1,558	1,668	3,639	3,718

(a) July figures, August not available.

(b) Twelve months ended June.

/ Includes plywood veneers in terms of super feet.





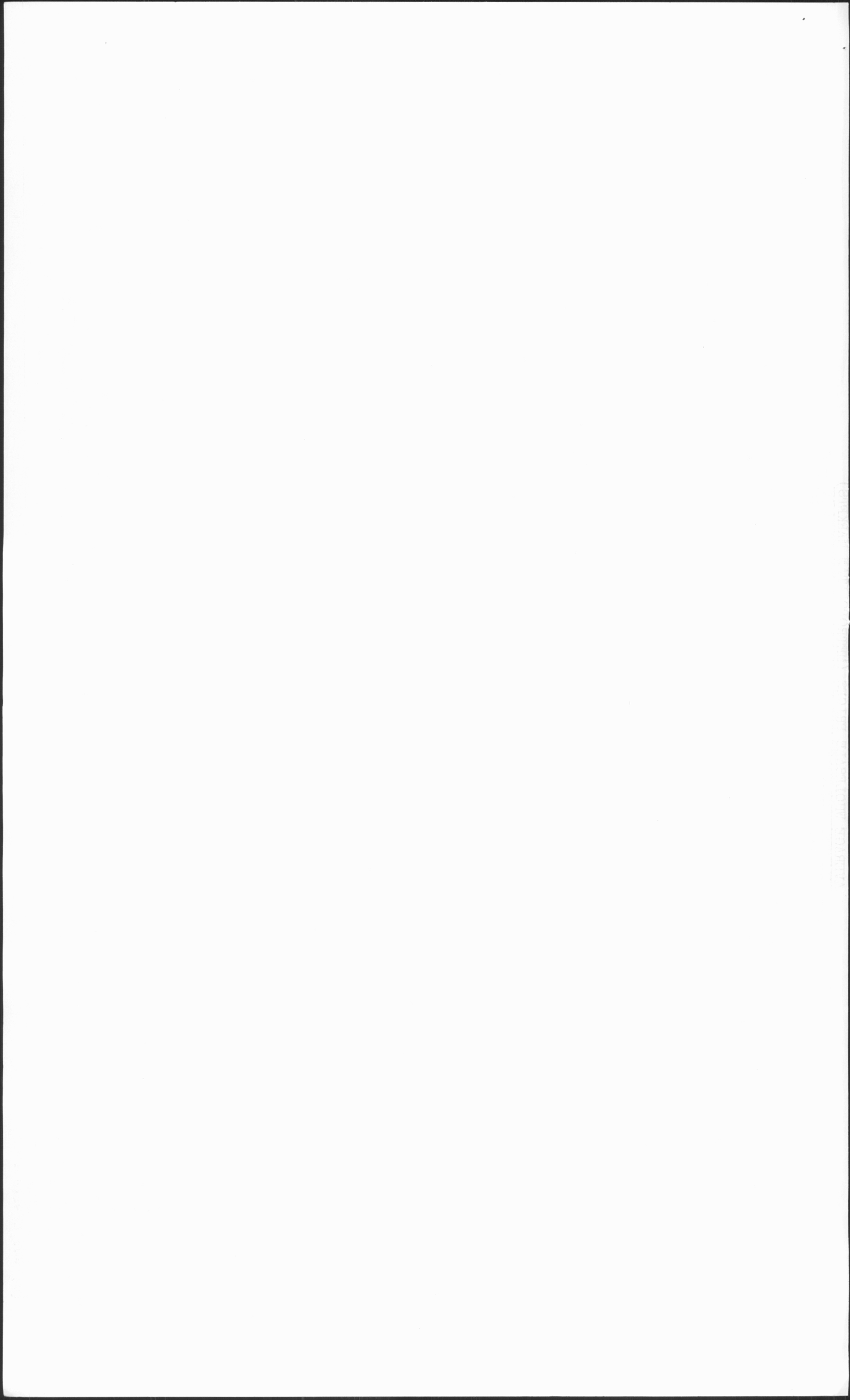
VALUE OF RETAIL SALES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS

The figures in the table below relate to goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainments, meals, etc.) sold to the public by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards). The table contains particulars for the years 1948-49, 1952-53 and 1956-57, on a comparable basis. The figures for the years 1948-49 and 1952-53 were obtained from Censuses taken in respect of those years, whereas particulars for the other periods shown are estimates based on sample surveys and are subject to revision.

(& Million)

Period (a)	Groceries	Butchers' Meat	Other Food (b)	Beer, Wine, Spirits	Clothing, Drapery, Piecegoods & Footwear	Hardware, China and Glassware (c)	Electrical Goods and Radios	Furniture and Floor Coverings	Other Goods (d)	Total Excluding Motor Vehicles, etc.	Motor Vehicles Parts, Petrol (e)
<u>YEARS</u>											
1948-49	10.8	4.0	7.1	8.5	14.3	3.8	2.4	3.0	10.8	64.7	13.7
1952-53	20.7	8.2	13.7	14.4	24.1	9.3	6.1	5.2	25.6	127.3	37.3
1956-57	27.4	10.7	19.4	16.4	28.1	11.4	7.4	6.3	31.8	158.9	46.6
<u>QUARTERS</u>											
March Qtr.											
1955	6.3	2.2	4.1	4.2	5.9	2.5	1.8	1.4	8.0	36.4	11.5
1956	6.7	2.4	4.9	4.4	5.8	2.5	2.1	1.4	8.1	38.3	12.2
1957	6.6	2.6	5.0	4.5	6.0	2.8	1.8	1.5	8.5	39.3	11.6
1958	7.1	2.8	5.3	5.0	6.2	2.9	2.0	1.5	9.0	41.8	14.7
June Qtr.											
1955	6.4	2.4	3.8	3.6	7.3	2.6	1.5	1.6	8.0	37.2	12.4
1956	7.0	2.7	4.4	3.5	7.3	2.7	1.5	1.4	7.9	38.4	10.6
1957	7.0	2.8	5.0	3.9	7.4	3.0	1.8	1.6	8.2	40.7	12.7
Sept. Qtr.											
1955	6.5	2.6	4.4	3.3	6.7	2.6	1.8	1.6	7.0	36.5	12.9
1956	6.7	2.7	4.5	3.6	6.6	2.6	1.6	1.5	6.9	36.7	10.6
1957	7.0	2.9	4.8	3.9	6.8	2.8	1.8	1.7	7.4	39.1	13.7
Dec. Qtr.											
1955	6.9	2.5	4.7	4.1	8.0	3.0	2.6	1.7	8.5	42.0	13.3
1956	7.1	2.6	4.9	4.4	8.1	3.0	2.2	1.7	8.2	42.2	11.7
1957	7.6	2.9	5.3	4.8	8.7	3.5	2.6	1.8	8.6	45.8	15.0

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1953, are subject to revision. (b) Includes Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Confectionery, Soft Drinks, Ice Cream, Cakes, Pastry, Cooked Provisions, Fish, etc., but excludes most delivered Milk and some delivered Bread. (c) Excludes Basic Building Materials (e.g. Timber, Roofing Tiles, Bricks, etc.). (d) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, etc. Newspapers, Books and Stationery, Chemists' Goods, Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc. (e) Excludes Farm Machinery and Implements, Earth-moving Equipment, etc.



AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICES (METROPOLITAN MARKETS)

(This information is extracted from records relating to approximately 25% of Total Sales)

FRUIT

Item	Unit	1957					1958							
		Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.
		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Lemons	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	8. 2	10. 2	12. 0	13.11	24. 7	36. 6	35. 5	41. 9	28. 0	21. 2	12.10	13. 3	11.10
Oranges - Navel	bush.	23. 5	27. 1	32. 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	31. 9	27. 5	29. 7	34. 0
- Val.	bush.	18. 2	22. 1	21. 1	21. 6	21. 9	22. 4	22. 8	27. 9	34. 2	32. 7	-	-	30. 4
Bananas - Local	lb.	2. 1	1.11	1. 7	1. 4	1. 0	1. 3	10	11	1. 1	1. 2	1. 2	1. 3	1. 4
Apples - G.Smith	bush.	32. 6	42. 6	44. 9	57. 9	58. 7	-	-	18. 5	30.11	28. 0	25. 2	30. 6	28. 7
- Other	bush.	32. 8	42. 0	46. 5	63. 8	59. 8	31.10	29. 3	27. 4	37. 1	35. 3	34. 1	39. 2	41.10
Pears	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	30. 0	38. 0	-	-	-	29. 7	28. 9	30. 6	31. 2	-	-	27. 2	25. 3
Apricots	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	29. 4	28. 0	43. 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nectarines	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	-	23. 2	28.11	27. 5	-	-	-	-	-
Plums	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	24.11	20.10	18. 0	29. 2	46. 3	-	-	-	-
Peaches	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	40.10	19.10	20. 3	17. 3	20. 9	-	-	-	-	-
Grapes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	31.11	24.11	21. 9	24. 6	25. 0	29.11	-	-	-

VEGETABLES

Item	Unit	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.
		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Cabbage	crate /	11.11.	13. 5	5.10	7. 1	10. 6	16. 3	11. 6	6. 4	5.10	6.10	7. 0	7. 3	6. 1
Cauliflowers	dozen	14. 9	7. 0	9. 6	9. 7	-	-	18. 0	16. 1	18. 4	11. 0	14. 6	19. 2	15. 8
Lettuce	crate	11. 9	11. 8	17. 0	13. 6	8. 2	8. 2	12. 9	11.10	12.11	7. 6	10. 6	7. 9	9. 6
Table Celery	doz.head	9.10	10. 6	7.11	9. 0	7. 5	9. 4	8. 9	13. 3	12. 5	10.11	12. 1	8. 4	8. 7
Beetroot	cwt.	43. 7	49. 5	44. 3	30. 4	64.11	82. 6	62. 5	33. 2	34.10	26. 1	32.11	35. 5	(c)
Carrots	cwt.	35. 9	42. 3	40. 7	24. 3	19. 8	22. 0	29. 8	37.11	33.10	20. 8	20. 7	17. 6	(c)
Parsnips	cwt.	67. 0	68. 8	42.10	28. 6	27. 8	30. 1	42. 0	50. 2	55.11	48. 0	51. 7	46. 5	(c)
Turnips	$\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.bag	8. 4	11. 2	4. 7	4. 0	6. 7	4. 3	7.10	5. 2	5. 7	5.11	6. 9	5. 1	5. 1
Swedes	cwt.	31. 3	32. 2	31. 2	28. 6	34. 1	42.10	48. 1	40. 0	28.10	26. 2	22. 8	20. 1	(c)
Runner Beans	lb.	2. 1	1. 3	10	10	11	1. 1	9	9	5	11	1. 3	1. 5	1. 4
Peas	lb.	1. 4	11	9	11	1. 5	1. 9	1.10	1. 5	1. 5	1. 4	1.10	1. 4	1. 1
Sweet Potatoes	lb.	4	$3\frac{1}{2}$	4	2	3	$3\frac{1}{2}$	4	4	3	3	3	3	3
Pumpkin	bag	16. 3	21.11	19. 9	14. 9	17.11	19. 9	17. 1	15. 6	15. 1	13. 7	12.11	14. 1	14. 7
Tomatoes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	20.10	18. 8	46. 0	32. 8	18.11	19. 3	22. 3	23. 0	23. 0	22. 7	24. 6	28.11	15. 0
		£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.
Onions (a)	ton	/	/	/	/	31.15.0	31.15.0	36. 0.0	36. 0.0	36. 0.0	36. 0.0	36. 0.0	36. 0.0	/
Potatoes (b)	ton	40. 5.0	40. 5.0	40. 5.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0

(a) W.A. Onion Marketing Board's price to Merchants delivered Metropolitan Area. / No Local onions available. / 50 lb. crate.

(b) W.A. Potato Marketing Board's price to Merchants F.O.R. Perth. / No Board price, onions sold only by auction this month.

(c) Not available.



AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICES PER HEAD (MIDLAND JUNCTION SALEYARDS)

(This information is extracted from records relating to approximately 50% of Total Sales)

LIVESTOCK

Item	1957					1958							
	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
<u>Good Quality Sheep</u>													
Suckers	4. 7. 4	4. 4. 10	4. 0. 7	3. 13. 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4. 14. 1	3. 18. 6
Lambs - In Wool	4. 7. 2	-	-	-	-	4. 0. 7	4. 3. 9	4. 2. 8	3. 19. 11	4. 9. 1	4. 15. 0	4. 11. 8	3. 14. 4
- Shorn	3. 13. 7	3. 14. 3	3. 9. 5	3. 7. 7	3. 17. 11	-	-	-	-	-	-	3. 13. 3	3. 4. 9
Hoggets - In Wool	3. 17. 5	-	-	-	-	3. 13. 3	3. 16. 3	3. 14. 8	3. 9. 8	3. 11. 11	-	3. 19. 10	-
Shorn	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ewes - In Wool	4. 8. 2	-	-	-	-	2. 6. 1	2. 7. 5	2. 9. 3	2. 10. 1	2. 13. 4	2. 18. 11	2. 17. 2	2. 17. 3
- Shorn	2. 11. 7	2. 6. 5	1. 18. 2	1. 17. 2	2. 2. 10	-	-	-	-	-	2. 1. 1	1. 19. 3	1. 14. 9
Wethers - In Wool	4. 3. 5	-	-	-	-	3. 1. 11	3. 6. 10	3. 9. 2	3. 4. 1	3. 8. 7	3. 13. 2	3. 3. 3	3. 0. 5
- Shorn	3. 3. 11	2. 16. 7	2. 10. 10	2. 17. 9	3. 1. 7	-	-	-	-	-	2. 15. 9	2. 10. 0	2. 6. 7
<u>Good Quality Cattle</u>													
Baby Beef	35. 13. 4	32. 2. 2	29. 6. 0	20. 5. 10	28. 7. 7	28. 7. 1	29. 6. 3	28. 5. 8	30. 8. 8	37. 2. 4	35. 13. 5	35. 14. 10	33. 17. 2
Heifers	39. 2. 10	36. 0. 5	34. 7. 7	30. 3. 9	32. 5. 0	33. 0. 0	33. 10. 4	32. 9. 2	35. 9. 3	41. 2. 6	39. 15. 9	38. 7. 3	38. 4. 7
Cows	39. 15. 2	38. 14. 6	36. 8. 10	36. 13. 6	34. 18. 0	40. 11. 9	40. 9. 2	39. 15. 1	41. 12. 4	43. 10. 5	43. 13. 1	42. 14. 1	42. 1. 1
Steers	47. 11. 9	44. 14. 9	41. 4. 7	40. 0. 7	41. 2. 4	43. 1. 6	42. 15. 9	41. 4. 1	44. 7. 9	48. 13. 2	46. 18. 5	46. 14. 11	47. 5. 0
Bullocks	45. 19. 0	43. 11. 10	45. 7. 4	46. 6. 11	44. 15. 11	43. 4. 0	-	-	53. 18. 9	-	52. 10. 7	46. 10. 7	60. 9. 4
<u>Good Quality Pigs</u>													
Slips	3. 17. 3	3. 15. 3	3. 7. 4	3. 0. 11	3. 8. 2	2. 18. 11	2. 9. 9	2. 19. 1	3. 0. 0	3. 1. 0	3. 18. 4	4. 5. 1	4. 9. 11
Porkers	8. 12. 7	7. 16. 8	7. 10. 10	7. 11. 2	6. 16. 8	7. 1. 0	6. 19. 0	7. 5. 6	6. 16. 2	7. 6. 10	8. 8. 4	8. 6. 10	8. 10. 1
Baconers	14. 0. 8	13. 3. 8	12. 6. 8	12. 13. 0	11. 9. 10	11. 7. 4	11. 14. 9	11. 15. 7	11. 11. 11	11. 18. 7	13. 2. 9	13. 2. 9	13. 6. 6

